

**Amendments To the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A ~~E~~communication system for establishing a broadband connection between two or more subscribers (~~A-TIn, B-TIn~~) by means of switches (~~A-Vst, B-Vst~~) in a communication network, characterized in that wherein said switches (~~A-Vst, B-Vst~~), on receiving a request from a calling subscriber (~~A-TIn~~) to establish a broadband connection, the switches set up a minimum connection between said subscribers (~~A-TIn, B-TIn~~) and, once the minimum connection has been put into operation by the subscribers (~~B-TIn~~), establish the required broadband connection.
  
2. (currently amended) A ~~E~~communication system according to Claim 1, characterized in that wherein a data stream determined by the calling subscriber (~~A-TIn~~) is transmitted via the minimum connection.
  
3. (currently amended) A ~~E~~communication system according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein one of the subscribers (~~A-TIn, B-TIn~~) first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of a ~~the~~ broadband connection.
  
4. (currently amended) A ~~E~~communication system according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that wherein subscribers (~~A-TIn~~) are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.
  
5. (currently amended) A ~~E~~communication system according to Claim 4, characterized in that wherein the establishment of the broadband connection has a higher priority in the communication network than the establishment of broadband connections which are not charged for during the broadband connection setup phase.

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6. (currently amended) A Method for establishing a broadband connection between two or more subscribers (~~A Tln, B Tln~~) in a communication network, ~~characterized by the following steps comprising: establishment of~~

~~establishing~~ a minimum connection between the subscribers (~~A Tln, B Tln~~) by ~~the a plurality of switches involved~~ (~~A Vst, B Vst~~) at the request of a subscriber (~~A Tln~~) to establish a broadband connection, ~~and establishment; and~~

~~establishing~~ of a broadband connection between the subscribers (~~A Tln, B Tln~~) by the switches involved after the minimum connection has been put into operation by the subscribers (~~B Tln~~).

7. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a data stream determined by the calling subscriber (~~A Tln~~) is transmitted via the minimum connection.

8. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 6, ~~or 7 characterized in that wherein~~ a calling subscriber (~~A Tln~~) first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of the broadband connection.

9. (currently amended) A Method for charging for a broadband connection between two or more subscribers in a communication network, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ subscribers (~~A Tln~~) are charged even during the broadband connection setup phase.

10. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the establishment of the broadband connection has a higher priority in the communication network than the establishment of broadband connections which are not charged for during the broadband connection setup phase.

11. (new) A communication system according to Claim 2, wherein one of the subscribers first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of a broadband connection.

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12. (new) A communication system according to Claim 2, wherein subscribers are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.

13. (new) A communication system according to Claim 3, wherein subscribers are charged as early as the broadband connection setup phase.

14. (new) A method according to Claim 7, wherein a calling subscriber first initiates the establishment of a minimum connection and thereafter the establishment of the broadband connection.